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LEGISLATOR TOM CILMI ATTENDS SOLAR EVENT AT EAST ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL



Legislator Tom Cilmi stopped by to show his continuing support for East Islip High School Career Academies. Cilmi joined Israel Malinowitzer, East Islip High School's Director of Careers and Student Services along with John Finello Superintendent of Schools and William Brennen, Principal of EIHS, as they unveiled the new Photovoltaic Solar System.

The system, which will power a small portion of the school and provide ongoing education in the field of green/clean technology, was made possible through donations of materials and labor from Direct Grid Technologies, Solar Dad and Sons, Tough Trac Ballast Racking, Solar Tech Renewables, Eragy, Ted-5002 Energy Meter-The Energy Detective, Home Performance Technology and DiGiovanna Bros. Landscaping, Inc.

Students will be able to use this system to learn how solar power is generated. Data collected through smart grid technology will enable students to track the effectiveness of the system throughout the day to see how weather conditions and positioning of the sun effect power generation. The data will be online so that it will be a resource to other schools as well.

Legislator Cilmi said, “This is not the culmination of a project but rather just another big step in the education of our students. This cooperative effort will benefit the school, the students, and the industry. The school will see a small decrease in energy costs. The students will learn first-hand about an emerging industry on Long Island, receive important job training in the field of renewable energy, and learn about the importance of these alternatives as part of our overall energy portfolio. The industry will benefit from increased awareness, not to mention the marketing value associated with their donations. The additional training and career emphasis developed through the career academy model at East Islip Schools ensures that students get early, substantive exposure to a growth industry which will surely need significant labor resources well into the future. All of this is made possible through the leadership of Mr. Malin and the East Islip School District, as well as the many private companies involved in this project.”